

EXAMPLE [10]

SAMPLE FORMAT FOR MITIGATION MEASURES SECTION

Mitigation Measure B-2a: Replace 60 protected trees.

Mitigation Measure B-2a applies to Impact B-2.

To offset the loss of 60 protected trees on the project site, not less than 60 fifteen-gallon container-size trees shall be planted on a nearby nonnative grassland area, if feasible, since no onsite replacement of the trees could occur with the project, as proposed. Three 5-gallon trees, five 1-gallon trees, or 15 tube seedlings can be substituted for each 15-gallon tree to be planted. Half of the replacement trees are to be blue oaks, one-quarter are to be valley oaks and one-quarter interior live oak. Maintenance of these trees, until they become established, shall be monitored. Although planting of a variety of ornamental landscape trees on site will also be required, those trees will only partially offset the values that will be lost. Partial credit may be given for landscape trees of a similar species. The offsite replacement shall provide mitigation consistent with the Placer County Tree Ordinance.

All tree plantings shall be spaced not less than 30 feet apart. Half shall be clustered in or near the center of the mitigation area and the remainder scattered evenly in the remaining open areas of the mitigation site. Shrubs shall be similarly distributed. If 15-gallon trees are used, any that fail within the first 5 years should be replaced. A lower survival rate can be used if greater numbers of smaller-sized replacement trees are used. The survival period shall be extended, as necessary, until not less than 60 oaks and 49 other native trees have survived for a period of 5 years and show signs that they are permanently established. A comparable survival program shall be implemented for the replacement shrubs.

A Mitigation Monitoring Implementation Program (MMIP) for the replacement of native trees, prepared by an ISA certified arborist, Registered Forester, or Landscape Architect, shall be submitted to the Planning Department prior to any earthmoving activities on the project site.

Mitigation Measure B-2b: Pay into the County's Tree Preservation Fund.

Mitigation Measure B-2b applies to Impact B-2.

Should a suitable area for replacement planting not be available per Mitigation Measure B-2a above, Placer County's Tree Preservation Ordinance allows mitigation in the form of a contribution to the Tree Preservation Fund. This contribution shall be in an amount sufficient to offset the costs of purchase, planting, and maintenance of the 60 protected trees.